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Title: Need to resolve the issue of sharing of water of Hogenekkal Falls between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka-laid.

SHRI R. DHYUVANARAYANA (CHAMRAJANAGAR): Hogenekkal water falls located in my constituency Chamarajanagar in Karnataka is known as the Niagra of India consisting of a series of falls, attracting tourists and nature lovers alike.

Further, development of the water falls area has been stalled for quite sometime. The Government of Tamil Nadu is pursuing vigorously to take up Hogenekkal drinking water supply scheme for utilization of about 2.1 thousand million cubic feet of water in the adjoining districts of Tamil Nadu. The Government of India has given clearance only for the utilization of 1.4 thousand million cubic feet during 1997.

The Government of Karnataka has brought this matter of excess utilization of drinking water from the Hogenekkal facility to the notice of the Centre. Till now no action has been taken by the Centre to sort out the matter and solve the issue amicably between the two States. I urge immediate intervention of the Centre in the matter.